

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A strapping machine for positioning a strap material around an associated load, tensioning the strap material and sealing the strap material to itself around the load, the strapping machine comprising:
 - a frame;
 - a strapping head mounted to the frame;
 - a strap chute mounted to the frame and configured for positioning the strap material around the load and to release the strap therefrom to pull the strap material to the load;
 - a work surface mounted to the frame at about a bottom of the strap chute;
 - a control system; and
 - a panel for carrying at least a portion of the control system, the panel being formed as a door for an enclosure, the panel being fully removable from the enclosure.
2. The strapping machine in accordance with claim 1 wherein the entirety of the control system is carried by the panel.
3. The strapping machine in accordance with claim 1 wherein the panel is mounted to the enclosure by a fastener.
4. The strapping machine in accordance with claim 3 wherein the fastener is threaded.
5. A control system enclosure for a strapping machine of the type for positioning a strap material around an associated load, tensioning the strap material and sealing the strap material to itself around the load, the strapping machine including a frame, a strapping head mounted to the frame, a strap chute mounted to the frame and configured for positioning the strap material around the load and to release the strap therefrom to pull the strap material to the load, a work surface mounted to the frame at about a bottom of the strap chute and a control system for controlling operation of the strapping machine, the control system enclosure comprising:

a body having top and bottom walls, side walls and a back wall contiguous with adjacent ones of the walls; and

a front panel for carrying at least a portion of the control system, the front panel being formed as a door for the enclosure and being fully removable therefrom, the front panel mounted to the body by a fastener for pivotally, removably mounting the panel to the enclosure.

6. The control system enclosure in accordance with claim 5 wherein the entirety of the control system is carried by the front panel.

7. The control system enclosure in accordance with claim 5 wherein the fastener is threaded.